

# Astronaut Candidate Class of 2000 announced



Dominic Antonelli

Seventeen men and women have been selected for the Astronaut Candidate Class of 2000. They arrived at JSC this month to begin a period of training and evaluation.

This year's class consists of seven pilot and 10 mission specialist candidates. Of the 17 class members, 14 are male and three are female.

The class members include Dominic A. Antonelli (Lt., USN); Michael R. Barratt, M.D.; Robert L. Behnken (Capt., USAF); Eric A. Boe (Maj., USAF); Stephen G. Bowen (Lt. Cmdr., USN); B. Alvin Drew (Maj., USAF); Andrew J. Feustel, Ph.D.; Kevin A. Ford (Lt. Col., USAF); Ronald J. Garan, Jr. (Maj., USAF); Michael T. Good (Maj., USAF);

Douglas G. Hurley (Maj., USMC); Timothy L. Kopra (Maj., USA); K. Megan McArthur; Karen L. Nyberg, Ph.D.; Nicole P. Stott; Terry W. Virts, Jr. (Capt., USAF); and Barry E. Wilmore (Lt. Cmdr., USN).

The astronaut candidates were selected through a highly competitive process that evaluated their education, training, experience, and unique qualifications.

Following the initial period of training and evaluation, the astronaut candidates will receive technical assignments and continue training in preparation for spaceflight assignment.

A complete list of the candidates and their biographical information can be found at: <http://www.nasa.gov/newsinfo/astro2000.pdf>.



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## Expedition One Update: *Crew departs for Russia*

Symbolizing the completion of its preflight training in the U.S., the Expedition One crew is treated to a celebratory cake from the training team in Bldg. 5. The international crew, left to right, Russian Cosmonauts Sergei Krikalev and Yuri Gidzenko and U.S. Astronaut Bill Shepherd, departed August 10 for Star City, Russia, where they will complete their mission training. The three are scheduled to launch from Baikonur in a Russian Soyuz Rocket October 30 and will be the first long-duration residents of the International Space Station.

For additional information on Expedition One visit <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/crew/index.html>.